quality and expanse of road network, human and behavioural factors, road safety measures etc. In the report, Mr. M. Koornstra has predicted the year 2030 for the peak traffic fatalities in India. Based upon this, the report has calculated that there could be about 2,60,000 fatalities in the year 2030. However, the report suggests that this projected date *i.e.* 2030 cannot be accepted as road safety goal for the country. It is the constant endeavour of both the Union and State Governments to promote road safety. To this end, Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to reduce road accidents which *interalia* includes promoting road safety awareness and education, better road geometry and design, better enforcement of road safety regulations, emergency medical care for accident victims, road safety audit etc.

New highways sanctioned for Rajasthan

548. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometers of new highways that have been sanctioned and added in Rajasthan during the last five years;

(b) the details of these highways;

(c) how many old roads have been taken over as highways;

(d) whether Government is aware that Delhi-Jaipur highway is in a very bad condition throughout the year; and

(e) if so, the steps that are being taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) No new kilometers of National Highways have been sanctioned and added in Rajasthan during the last five years.

(d) amd (e) Under National Highway Development Programme wherever 4/6 laning works are under implementation, the existing roads are kept in traffic worthy condition. The maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. Delhi-Jaipur Section has been taken up for 6 laning and is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by the concessionaire.

Length of surfaced roads in Jharkhand

549. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of surfaced roads in Jharkhand; and

(b) whether there is any planning to increase this length of surfaced roads, indicating the current status, alongwith schedule of implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of